GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4422
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
ASYLUM DEATHS
A. KRISHNASWAMY;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;P.D. ELANGOVAN;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court of India has issued notices to State Government of Tamil Nadu and Union Government in regard to Asylum deaths as reported in `Hindu` dated August 8, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the mental hospitals in the country are violating the Human Rights of inmates of mental asylum;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have ordered any enquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : No notice from the Supreme Court of India has been received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the matter, regarding asylum deaths occurred in Erudi, Tamil Nadu.

(c) to (f) : No such incidents have been reported in respect of mental hospitals run by the State/Union Governments.